

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the United Parcel Service Foundation upon their generous three-year grant to the Memphis Food Bank.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those companies which, in addition to aiding the economy of our area, seek to give back to the community a measure of their good fortune; and

WHEREAS, United Parcel Service is one such company whose outstanding philanthropic efforts in West Tennessee and the Memphis area should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the UPS Foundation instituted its Region/District Grant Program and, for more than ten years now, the district grant committees have identified urgent community needs and recommended funding for organizations that have the ability to meet those needs effectively; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 alone, the UPS Foundation distributed more than \$12 million to organizations involved in education and human welfare issues and, of that generous \$12 million, the Region/District Grant Program proudly awarded nearly \$2.5 million to regions and districts for local needs; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee District has played a large role in the distribution of regional and district grants for UPS and, as a result, many worthy organizations in the area have benefited greatly; and

WHEREAS, the UPS Foundation is presently launching Phase III of its Prepared and Perishable Food Rescue Program of the corporate grant initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in Memphis and West Tennessee, the United Parcel Service Foundation has emphasized their commitment to raising the quality of life for those in need by awarding a three-year, \$90,000 grant to the Memphis Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary UPS Foundation grant has been awarded to extend over three consecutive years in the amount of \$30,000 per year to provide food for the hungry by means of the Memphis Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, the employees of UPS's West Tennessee District have emerged as leaders in service for their area, as they have enhanced the quality of life for the many citizens whose lives have been touched by their good works; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee District of UPS has made generous contributions of \$500 or more to a multitude of worthy organizations and causes, including the Tennessee Special Olympics, the Tennessee State University Chapter of SPJ, Watkins Institute, McNeilly Center for Children, State Technical Institute at Memphis, Oasis Center, Tennessee State University and the Crisis Intervention Center; and

WHEREAS, West Tennessee UPS employees contributed \$382,913 to the United Way Campaign in 1994, in addition to the corporate gift of \$90,983.83; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of their corporate mission to give something back to the communities in which they live and work, the West Tennessee District of the United Parcel Service has demonstrated a commitment to Memphis and West Tennessee that stands unparalleled in excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee hereby commend both the West Tennessee District and the UPS Foundation for their much-appreciated charitable and philanthropic efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the United Parcel Service Foundation upon their philanthropy in awarding a three-year, \$90,000 grant to the Memphis Food Bank to feed the

hungry and recognize the West Tennessee District of the United Parcel Service and the many district employees for their generous contributions to a multitude of worthy organizations and causes. We wish to thank them for their humanitarian efforts as they work to improve the lives of many citizens in our great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.